

## Radway Project - Playground Toddler Area, by Sophie Stephens

The idea started in my head in June 2018. *"Let's raise money to upgrade the village playground"* I thought! Well, fast forward to now, November 2019, 17 Months later, £32,331 raised, a lot of time, effort and care spent, and here we are!

### This was all achieved by:

1. A questionnaire to gain feedback and thoughts from our community.
2. Many hours of research into grants available and completing a vast amount of grant applications that we thought we might qualify for. We received money from five in total.
3. Holding fundraising events. A weekend event celebrating 100 years since women won the right to vote, and a rather fun Wine Tasting and Auction evening.
4. The generosity of many local companies who donated prizes for our raffles and auctions.
5. Receiving many kind donations of money along the way from members of the community.
6. Working very closely with the Parish Council (previous councillors and new), and reporting progress at each meeting.
7. Working closely with the playground companies to gain quotes, ideas, and to finalise the design. This evolved and changed many times as anything does throughout the lifecycle of any project.
8. A lot of support from our village groups – The Chambers Trust, and the Radway Events Group (REG) in terms of time from people and money.
9. Support from our whole community – especially with time given towards running the fundraising events.
10. A maintenance day to tidy up the existing equipment to ensure it is well looked after, and to aid decisions on what was essential to replace or keep once the equipment was assessed following the annual inspection report. This took a working group 8 hours.
11. Carrying out a Level Survey of the recreation ground.
12. Submitting and gaining approval of a planning application.
13. Structural calculations from a structural engineer.
14. Many design meetings, and re-design meetings with Kompan, the playground company.

### Special thanks to:

James Stephens who worked hard on ensuring the Level Survey and structural calculations was carried out and Planning Application he submitted was approved but also in terms of the large amount of days he spent in manual labour working hard to ensure everything was ready before the work could start.

Julian Douthwaite, from Townsend Farm, with his tractor on hand to help us during the works, to move anything required and in tidying up all the turf that was dug out. Many of the big delivery lorries and trucks could not access the large concrete hard standing area which is where the tractor proved so helpful.

David and Karen Richards for their generous donation towards the project and for their commitment to an 'Open Gardens' fundraising event next Summer 2020 to raise further funds for the next phases of the project.

Rosie Bampton for her time, ideas, and support throughout the whole project.

### Breakdown of the £32,331 raised:

- £10,000 – The National Lottery Community Fund - @TNLCommunityFund
- £8,000 - Parish Council 'Match Funding'
- £7,371 - The Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils (WALC) – @wwmcalc
- £2,000 - Tesco's Bags of Help Scheme – Groundwork UK @groundworkuk
- £1,175 – Wine tasting and Auction fundraising evening @canaimport
- £1,190 – Total of donations from members of the community / public.
- £1,000 - Rank Foundation Pebble Grant - @TheRankFoundation
- £863 – Celebration of 100 years women winning the right to vote fundraising event
- £350 – Donation from The Chambers Trust

- £200 - Donation from Radway Events Group (REG)
- £182 - Waitrose Green Token Scheme @waitrose

Not only were we able to achieve a new play area, but following on from the annual inspection, we were also able to carry out maintenance work on the current pieces of equipment that were in great need of some TLC at the same time.

### Before Photographs – 2018





## Photographs of the Build by Kompan - November 2019



Photographs of the Surfacing Works by RTC Safety Surfacing Ltd



**After Photographs – Completion– November 2019**







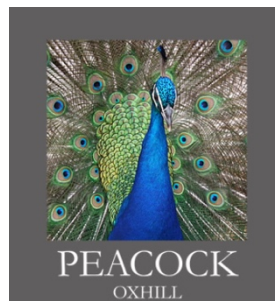
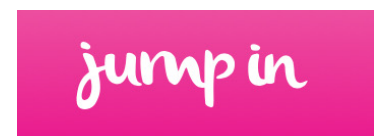
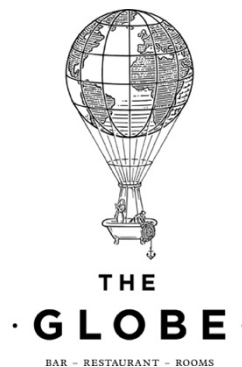
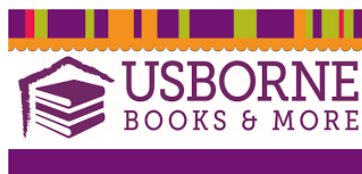






We would like to thank the following companies for their generous donations towards our raffle and auction:

1. The Castle at Edgehill - @castleatedgehill
2. Leam Boat Centre - @LeamBoatCentre
3. Flower Thyme in Kineton - @FlowerThymeWarwickshire
4. Winchcombe Farm Holidays, in Upper Tysoe - @Winchcombefarmholidays
5. Usborne Books
6. Hatton Adventure World @HattonAdventureWorld
7. Turtle Tots, Warwickshire - @TurtletotsCWW
8. Sutoni Beauty Salon, in Wellsbourne
9. The National Herb Centre - @NationalHerbCentre
10. Shenington Gliding Club - @sheningtongliding
11. Hook Norton Brewery - @hooknortonbrewery
12. The Peacock, in Oxhill - @peacockoxhill
13. The Falcon, in Warmington - @falconatwarmington
14. Picture House in Stratford Upon Avon
15. The Globe, in Warwick - @theglobewarwick
16. The Everyman, in Stratford Upon Avon - @everymansua
17. Jump in Leamington - @jumpinwarwick





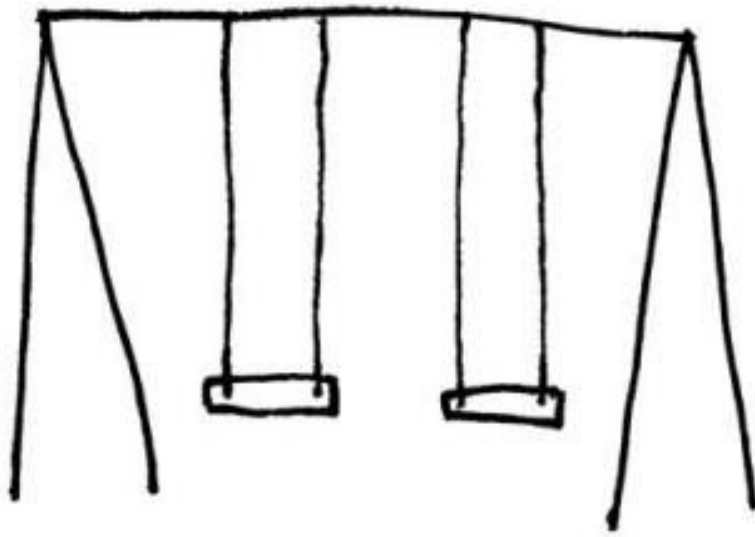
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Thank you to everyone involved.

Now, don't forget...TO PLAY!!!



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